

PROMINENT MAN DEFENDS SUFFRAGE

Commissioner of Agriculture Replies to National Anti-Suffrage Pres.

President West Virginians have received letters, at various times, from the members of the national association which is opposed to woman suffrage, asking these men to turn upon their own women and oppose them in their struggle for suffrage.

Hon. H. E. Williams, commissioner of agriculture, was one of those who received a letter from the president of the national body opposed to equal suffrage and his reply is of much interest. The reply reads:

"I have given very careful consideration to both sides—those in favor and those against woman suffrage. I have a fairly good knowledge of the character of womanhood in West Virginia and I am strongly in favor of granting to the women of my state, the right of suffrage. I don't know much about the women of New York, but I do know that women of West Virginia, as an average, will rank above the men in morality and education. They are certainly the equal of the men from the standpoint of intelligence, and I have found it is always safe to place them on the side of every movement for civic improvement and human uplift. I have found them most interested and informed on most public questions and have also found them interested in the home and in every phase of community life to the extent of a desire to participate in the elections where men are selected to make laws and enforce them. I think a mother has as much right to express her views on questions which govern the conditions under which her boys and girls are to be reared, as the father and she is certainly as much, if not more interested, in all these questions.

"But if there were no other reasons determining this matter in my mind, I would be for woman suffrage because of the people who are opposed to it. You will find, if you will undertake the classification of those who favor and those who oppose woman suffrage, you will find on the side of those who oppose every political crook, every man who undertakes to manipulate elections, every white slaver, every saloonkeeper and practically every violator of the law; and their reasons are easily seen. They fear woman's vote and their fear is well grounded.

"The surprising thing to me is that there are still in this country a sufficient number of well-informed, patriotic, law abiding, respectable women, to form a National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage."

H. E. WILLIAMS.

ANOTHER SUICIDE



NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

A CAREFUL study of not only Republican claims, but of the democratic arguments based on the New Jersey primaries, leaves no ground whatever for putting that state in the doubtful column. Every indication points to its giving a large majority for Hughes. Jersey is normally a Republican state. It has great industries whose men believe in protection, regarding it as the only safeguard of a satisfactory standard of wages and living for them. In 1910 there was a strong democratic swing all over the country and it resulted in the election as Governor of Woodrow Wilson, then an unknown quantity, reputed to be a man of high ideals and fine character, and adding the quality of novelty to the general democratic trend. In 1912, however, as candidate for the Presidency, Mr. Wilson carried the state only by a plurality, the combined Republican and Progressive vote exceeding his by 55,958. In 1914, the Republicans swept the state in the election of a legislature and elected eight Representatives to Congress out of twelve; and again, in 1915, they elected a large majority of the legislature. This year the people know Woodrow Wilson. The Jersey voters bitterly resent his arbitrary and didactic attitude, and the Jersey Democrats have repudiated the President by renominating, by a large majority, Senator Martine, against Mr.

Wilson's emphatic protest and against all the influence their own machine could exert. Jim Martine, who is far less fit to be Senator than is the defeated Wescott, who has been a bad joke in the Senate, publicly announced that he would rather "go back to the farm" than go to the White House every day for his "orders," and the Democrats of Jersey endorsed his position. Wescott's defeat is the first unmistakable manifestation of that resentment which Democrats generally feel toward Mr. Wilson and his two secretly detested advisers, McAdoo and Burleson.

Wanton Cruelty:

Barely has there been such a glaring instance of unmitigated cruelty as that perpetrated on Carranza's delegates to the New London conference by Secretary Franklin K. Lane. As Carranza has announced—and the delegates have confirmed his announcement—the delegates are not authorized to discuss any subject except the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican territory, and they have not discussed any other subject. They are typical representatives of the bandit Carranza and as little interested in social reforms for Mexico as they are in the adoption of the forum system in Kamchatka. But, being Latins, they have a veneer of politeness—the same sort of politeness which prompts the robber who steals your watch to offer you a cigar before parting—and, being the guests of this country, they

are constrained from frankly expressing their boredom. Taking advantage of their position, Secretary Lane has devoted an entire day inflicting on them a lecture upon how other nations progress, describing the admirable methods employed by the United States to civilize and educate the Indians, etc. It is reported that the Carranzistas politely, but with difficulty, suppressed their yawns, and that a further exhibition of such wanton cruelty by Secretary Lane will result in the formation of a society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Carranzistas.

The Unhappy Farmer:

Ex-Secretary James Wilson has pointed out, in an able argument, how "the farmer will pay the freight" under the Wilson-Adamson railway wage-increase law; and now, from another source, comes information that Carranza, whom President Wilson has held up to admiration as a man "with whose ideals all right thinking men the world over must sympathize," has turned his attention from shooting railway strikers on sight to holding up American farmers. Mr. Carranza does not believe it practicable to invade this country and levy tribute on the farmers personally, but he has accomplished his end by establishing a sisal monopoly which will take \$20,000,000 out of the pockets of those American farmers who have to buy binding twine. A delegation representing the manufacturers of binding twine have laid the facts before Secretary Lansing, pointing out how American farmers are being mulcted by Carranza, and Secretary Lansing has had the nerve to tell the delegation that he will refer the matter to the New London Conference which, as Carranza has formally announced, is expressly prohibited from considering any of the internal affairs of Mexico, or indeed, anything but the removal of American troops from Mexican territory.

Mr. Wilson's Ideal:

Despite President Wilson's idealization of Carranza at New London, and the solemn announcement of the War Department, after the Carranza affair, that when Carranza returned those troops of the 10th Cavalry whom he had not shot he also returned their equipment as well, the highly interesting fact has now come to light that in a recent skirmish between United States troops and Carranzistas who were raiding American territory one of the rifles captured by the Americans bears the U. S. Arsenal stamp and figures "K 10." These show, of course, that the rifle was one captured from the 10th Cavalry; that when Carranza asserted that he had returned all the equipment captured at Carrizal he did not tell the truth—or that when the War Department announced that all the equipment had been returned it was pursuing that policy of "pitiless publicity" which means "adroitly deceiving the American people."

A Gyroscopic Mind:

President Wilson has changed his mind and will not take the stump. He will merely go about the country making partisan speeches to non-partisan organizations. So reads the latest announcement of Vanvo McCormick, the Democratic National Chairman. That, be it noted, was the announcement of Mr. McCormick on Thursday. The announcement that Mr. Wilson will take the stump is due today, Friday. Careful observation reveals the fact that on Tuesdays and Saturdays Mr. Wilson

will not take the stump, and that on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays he will. All of this makes it somewhat difficult to keep pace with the news regarding Mr. Wilson's intentions; but it is interesting as revealing the fact that the Chief Executive has a gyroscopic mind, gyroscopic being defined by the dictionaries as "something which can be made to revolve as if independent of gravitation," if not gravity. The latest development of the gyroscopic compass is one which jiggles just a little all the time, so that there may be no danger of its sticking, or hanging, as the vessel changes its course, even the slightest fraction of a degree. The White House (or Shadow Lawn) mind seems to include the latest development, also, constantly jiggling to facilitate prompt change of course.

Strike a Failure:

The great car strike, which threatened to tie up all New York transportation and involve all allied, organized trades, has apparently proved a failure. This seems to be due, in large measure, to the revulsion of popular feeling which has resulted from President Wilson's action with regard to the railway wage controversy. The labor leaders, doubtless wisely, perceived that popular sentiment, formerly with the employees, had turned against them, and the calling off of the strike is believed to be only a matter of hours.

Route of the Bee.

According to a well-known apiarist, if a bee finds a suitable patch of flowers by following a zigzag course of exploration it will seek it again by the same devious route, and not in a straight line from the nest. Thus he found that certain bees coming to visit a hollyhock in his garden always came over the wall some 25 yards to one side of the flower instead of directly opposite. They were following the devious route by which they had first found the flower.

Got Beyond His Depth.

The other evening while a crowd of people were waiting for the power to be turned on so the street car could go on, a little boy of about five years old came along and wonderingly watched awhile and then said to the motorman: "What's the matter, ain't you got any gasoline?" And then after the crowd of people laughed, he said: "Oh! I didn't mean that," in a most embarrassed tone.—Cleveland Leader.

Evidence of Eyewitness.

A small boy recently attended the theater. In the play a false servant stole a valuable ring. The master in anger called the servants before him and attempted to gain a confession. "Who stole the ring?" he thundered. Then there the little fellow, who had been deeply engrossed, called out: "The man with the red stockings."

For Lack of Doctor Boy May Die
WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 2.—Nelson Marsh, aged 8, son of ex-Councilman Frank Marsh, of Warwood, near here, will die from loss of blood during a search for a physician after the lad had been run down by a touring car, driven by Peter Caravassio, wealthy restaurant proprietor of this city.

NO NAMES ON "WAR BALLOT" FOR TROOPS



New York state troops doing border duty will this year cast the first "war ballots" since the Spanish-American war.

A ballot eight feet four inches long will be used, but neither names of candidates nor parties will be on the ticket, blank spaces being provided under the name of each office to be filled.

The picture shows Francis M. Hugo, secretary of state of New York, with a "war ballot."

MINGO OFFICERS CHARGE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 2.—Officials at the State House have been informed of a number of changes in officials of Mingo county and the city of Williamson, the seat of that county. O. H. Booten, who resigned as member of the City Commission, has been made president of the county court. He is succeeded on the commission by C. R. Shannon, who resigned from the court to accept the appointment. T. J. Reynolds of Devon has been appointed a member of the commission to succeed A. H. Moore, who resigned because of leaving the county. Other changes in the official roster of both city and county are proposed.

CHILTON DRAWS ON THE OFFICE HOLDERS

Come Across With a Vote or
Two Says Census Committee Clerk.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 30.—Every postmaster in West Virginia has received a letter under "frank" of Senator W. E. Chilton, reading as follows:

"W. E. Chilton, W. Va., Chairman.
Henry Fry, Clerk.
John E. Scaggs, Assistant

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Census,
Washington.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 22, 1916.

My dear Sir:
If every one whom Senator Chilton has helped will remember him on election day and set him one of two votes from the opposition, there will be no doubt of his reelection. You are a man of influence in your community. You can do this easily. Can I set you down as one who will at his voting precinct help to reelect Senator Chilton for what he has done for West Virginia? If you will join this army which will make his election certain, please write me at once. We want to know that the whole thing is moving along all over the state in the same way.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) HENRY FRY,
Secretary.

The point about this letter is that it isn't "frankable" because it does not pertain to the business of the office of a Senator. It is a plain violation of the postal laws.

A second point about it is that it is a deliberate effort to incite postmasters to a pernicious activity in politics.

The letter is multigraphed on the stationery of the committee on the census of the United States Senate, of which Senator Chilton is chairman and his private secretary, Henry Fry, is clerk.

FEW ACCIDENTS REPORTED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 2.—Reports have been made to the Workmen's Compensation department during the last week of 486 accidents in industrial plants of West Virginia, of which the operators are subscribers to the compensation fund. There were 11 fatalities, while nearly all the important industries of the state are in operation; accidents this fall have been fewer than those during the summer months.

NEED PENSION SYSTEM

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 2.—That the future of the Methodist Episcopal church depends on what provision is made for the support of aged clergy was the statement made at the Saturday night session by Rev. W. H. Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio. He added that as no pension system is provided young men have little inducement to enter the ministry, as ministers have few opportunities to earn enough to support them during old age.

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